

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 and 67-75 are pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 1-12, 14-31, 32-50, 52-57 and 67-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,430,707 issued to *Mathews et al.*

The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

*Mathews et al.* disclose a system wherein a dump image is transferred from a client device to a server device over a network when the client device fails. The dump image that is transmitted to the server device includes the contents of memory, including the operating system, the code, the stack, threads, registers, and local and global variables that can be analyzed at a source level. See, e.g., column 2, lines 27-34. This is a classical system dump, which is large and cumbersome and time-consuming to transfer and analyze. Indeed, *Mathews et al.* distinctly point out that the resulting image can be processed by a standard debugging tool such as ICAT. That is because the resulting image is a classical system dump.

What *Mathews et al.* do present is one way to perform such a system dump in a client device that doesn't have the ability to store the large resulting dump image locally. Thus, *Mathews et al.* teach that the dump image can be transferred to the server by using a separately running process and packet-based communication capability.

1 To the contrary the pending claims are directed towards dump files that are  
2 not classical system dumps, which, for example, (and expressly recited/stated) do  
3 not include all of the operating system data.

4 Furthermore, the novel dump file that is generated includes information  
5 identifying a reason for generating the dump file. It should be noted that the  
6 Office Action failed to adequately address this recited claim limitation. One  
7 reason is that *Matthews et al.* do not disclose or otherwise even suggest that such  
8 identifying information be included in the dump image. Instead, *Matthews et al.*  
9 list various exemplary failures that might lead to their dump image being created,  
10 but no identifying reason is itself included in their dump image.

11 Hence, *Matthews et al.* neither disclose nor reasonably suggest such a novel  
12 dump file and do not include information identifying a reason for generating their  
13 dump image in their dump image itself, for example, as recited in independent  
14 **Claims 1, 20 or 39.**

15 For at least these reasons Claims 1, 20 and 39 are clearly patentable over  
16 *Matthews et al.*, as are applicable dependent **Claims 2-12, 14-19, 21-31, 32-38,**  
17 **40-50, 52-57 and 67-75.**

18 It is respectfully requested that the rejections be reconsidered and  
19 withdrawn.

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21 **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):**

22 Claims 13, 32 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being  
23 unpatentable over *Matthews et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,603,033 issued to  
24 *Joannin.*

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1 The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons  
2 stated above and also the following reasons.

3 *Joannin* discloses a tool for debugging an operating system. Here, *Joannin*  
4 employs at typical process for analyzing a post-mortem dump file by restoring the  
5 dump file data to memory and processing it accordingly. This is a fairly  
6 conventional process.

7 One of the limitations in Claims 13, 32 and 51, that *Matthews et al.* and/or  
8 *Joannin* fail to disclose and/or reasonably suggest is the minidump file that is  
9 substantially and patentably different than conventional system dump images/files.  
10 Note, as described above, the resulting minidump file is produced from the dump  
11 file recited in the independent claims, which expressly does not include all  
12 operating system data as do conventional system dumps. Hence, the name  
13 "minidump".

14 Thus, *Matthews et al.* and/or *Joannin* do not disclose nor reasonably  
15 suggest, either alone or in combination, such a novel minidump file, especially one  
16 that includes information identifying a reason for generating the minidump file but  
17 not all operating system data, as recited in independent Claims 13, 32 and/or 51.

18 For at least these reasons Claims 13, 32 and 51 are clearly patentable over  
19 *Matthews et al.* and *Joannin*.

20 It is respectfully requested that the rejections be reconsidered and  
21 withdrawn.  
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Conclusion

The pending claims are patentable over the recited art. It is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and a patent promptly issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

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